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**INFORMATION FOR JOURNEYMAN LICENSE APPLICANTS**

This information sheet is prepared to acquaint all applicants with the requirements and procedures necessary to successfully file an application, pass the examination, and obtain the certificate of registration required by Kentucky law.

**JOURNEYMAN:** Those persons skilled with the tools of the trade and familiar with the requirements of the Kentucky Plumbing Code. The first step in obtaining a journeyman plumber's certificate of registration is to submit an application for examination. An applicant for a Journeyman Plumber's License shall: (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age, (b) Be of good moral character, (c) Be a citizen of the United States, or be a resident alien who is authorized to work in the United States, and (d) have two (2) **consecutive** years of experience as an apprentice plumber. Proof of this requirement shall be satisfied by submission of two (2) W-2 forms, a notarized affidavit from a Kentucky Licensed Master Plumber, or other proof of experience acceptable to the Office, (e) Possess all the qualifications that may be prescribed by administrative regulations of the Executive Director. The examination fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00) and must accompany a notarized application and made payable to **KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER.**

The Journeyman Examination Grade is based on (1) answers written questions and drawings, (2) chart work, and (3) a practical examination (Copper and Cast Iron). Time allowed is two and a half (2 ½) hours for the Practical and two and a half (2 ½) hours for the Written and Chart. The chart work consists of completing a drawing of a layout.

**APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE NOT COMPLETE OR A XEROX COPY OF THE APPLICATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED AS UNACCEPTABLE!**

**IMPORTANT:** Examinations are designed to test your knowledge of Kentucky Plumbing Code and Kentucky Law. Regardless of your experience, it is advisable to study these books thoroughly before the examination.

**RECIPROCITY:** At the present time the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not have a reciprocal agreement with any State or Municipality as it relates to plumbing licenses.

**NOTE: WHEN YOU RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT AVAILABLE EXAM DATE, YOU WILL NEED TO KEEP THE INFORMATION SHEETS TO REFER TO FOR THE DIRECTIONS AND MATERIAL REQUIRED.**

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL JOURNEYMAN APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE AS A PLUMBER IN THE  
STATE OF KENTUCKY

FROM: TIMOTHY R. HOUSE  
DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF PLUMBING

SUBJECT: RESCHEDULING OF EXAMINATION DATES

When an application is submitted to this office it is expected that the applicant is prepared at that time to accept the next available examination date.

Except for unavoidable or last minute emergencies, we will be unable to honor any requests for the rescheduling of your examination date.

When a work schedule conflicts with your assigned examination date and can not be resolved through your employer, an explanation by a letter will be carefully considered and the appropriate action taken.

If you are presently attending a Plumbing Class we suggest that you indicate on your application the earliest date you will be available for testing.

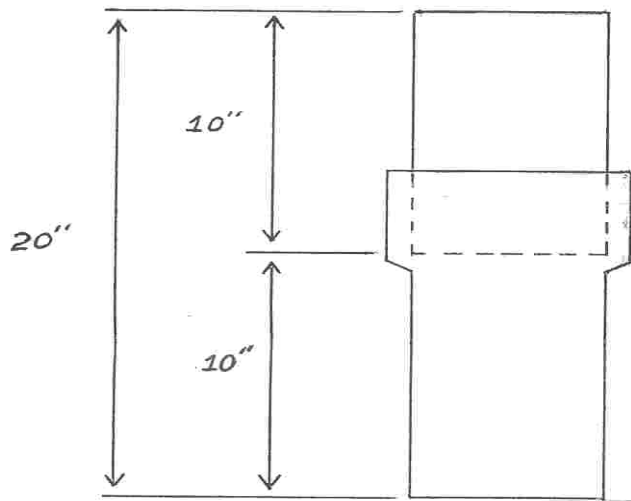
**Failure to attend on the assigned exam date without a reason acceptable to this Division, could result in your being rescheduled one year from the date you were first assigned an Examination seat.**

NOTE: WHEN YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED THE NEXT AVAILABLE EXAMINATION DATE AND NOTIFIED BY MAIL TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EXAM TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE.

EXAMS ARE GIVEN QUARTERLY FOR JOURNEYMAN APPLICANTS, IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER.

**IT USUALLY TAKES TWO (2) TO FOUR (4) WEEKS TO FIND OUT THE EXAM RESULTS. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRANKFORT OFFICE REQUESTING YOUR SCORES. SCORES WILL NOT BE GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE.**

**CHECK IN TIME IS 8:30 AM EASTERN, STARTING TIME IS 9:00 AM EASTERN.**  
If needed our fax number is (502) 573-1058.



Materials for the second phase of the examination

1 PIECE OF  $\frac{3}{4}$ " X 3' COPPER TUBING  
 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " COPPER MALE ADAPTER  
 2  $\frac{3}{4}$ " COPPER 45 DEGREE FITTING  
 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " COPPER 90 DEGREE FITTING  
 1  $\frac{3}{4}$ " COPPER CAP

SOLDER FLUX  
 SAND PAPER & FITTING BRUCHES  
 LEAD – FREE SOLDER  
 TUBING CUTTER  
 STICK RULLER OR TAPE MEASURE  
 9" LEVEL  
 TORCH

NOTE: BE PREPARED TO CONSTRUCT A 45-DEGREE  
 OFFSET PROJECT WITH THE ABOVE FITTINGS.

SAFETY GLASSES AND SHIELDS WILL BE PROVIDED.

ALL PRACTICAL WORK MUST BE PREPARED AT THE  
TIME OF EXAMINATION

The applicants for the practical part of the Journeyman Plumber Examination needs the following materials and tools

Materials for the first phase of the examination:

1 PIECE 4" X 10" EXTRA HEAVY OR SERVICE WEIGHT  
CAST IRON PIPE WITH HUB

1 PIECE 4" X 10" EXTRA HEAVY OR SERVICE WEIGHT  
CAST IRON PIPE WITHOUT HUB

THESE PIECES MUST BE 20" OVERALL WHEN FINISHED  
10 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED IF NOT CORRECT

CAULKING TOOLS (INCLUDING HAMMER)

OAKUM

5 POUND OF POT LEAD (NEW)

9" LEVEL

A COMMUNITY LEAD POT AND LADLE WILL BE  
PROVIDED AT THE EXAM SITE

THE LEAD AND OAKUM PROJECT IS TO CONFORM WITH  
THE STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE GIVEN IN THE  
INSTALLATION STANDARDS IN THE KY. STATE  
PLUMBING LAW, REGULATIONS & CODE BOOK

It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to practice this project prior to examination.

EXTRA MATERIAL WILL BE ALLOWED BUT THE 2 ½ HOUR  
TIME LIMIT WILL BE ENFORCED

## GRADING SCHEDULE

SOIL PIPE PROJECT TOTAL 100 POINTS

APPEARANCE 15 POINTS

PRESSURE TEST 35 POINTS

(POINTS DEDUCTED FOR SIZE AND NUMBER OF LEAKS)  
(CRACKED HUB WILL BE A 10 POINT DEDUCTION FROM  
PRESSURE TEST)

ALIGNMENT OF TOP AND BOTTOM PIECES 5 POINTS

MEASUREMENTS 10 POINTS (PER ATTACHED DRAWING)

LEAD RING (1 INCH) (35 POINTS)

\*DOUBLE POUR WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC FAILURE \*

COPPER PROJECT TOTAL 100 POINTS

APPEARANCE 15 POINTS

PRESSURE TEST 35 POINTS

(ANY LEAKAGE WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC FAILURE)

ALIGNMENT 15 POINTS

MEASUREMENTS 35 POINTS (5 MEASUREMENTS,  
4 PIECES & OVERALL, 7 POINTS EACH)

(REVERSED END FITTINGS 10 POINTS DEDUCTION FROM  
MEASUREMENTS)